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Air Enforcement: Tennessee Air Pollution Control Board - Proposed Order/Penalty Assessment Related to Sevierville Blasting Operation

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The Tennessee Air Pollution Control Board ("Board") issued a May 19th Technical Secretary's Order and Assessment of Civil Penalty ("Order") addressing an alleged violation of the Tennessee Air rules to QSG Holdings, LLC ("QSG"). See Case No. AP20-0015.

The Order provides that QSG operates an abrasive blasting operation ("Facility") in Sevierville, Tennessee.

The Facility is described as an air contaminant source within the meaning of Tennessee Code Ann. § 68-201-102.

The Division of Air Pollution Control of the Board ("Division") is stated to have received a construction permit application from QSG for an abrasive blasting operation. Construction on the Facility is stated to have begun on October 28, 2019.

The Division is stated to have issued a Notice of Violation to QSG for constructing the abrasive blasting operation prior to applying for and receiving a construction permit.

The Order provides that by allegedly constructing an air contaminant source not specifically exempted by Division Rule 1200-03-09-.04 without first applying for and receiving the necessary construction permit, QSG violated Division Rule 1200-03-09.01(1)(a).

The Order proposes to assess a civil penalty in the amount of \$1,500.

The Order provides QSG certain appeal rights.

A copy of the Order can be downloaded <u>here</u>.